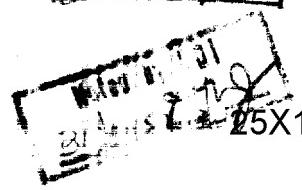


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30 January 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Report on French Indo-China Intelligence

It is suggested that you take note of the attached cables before the IAC meeting. These relate to the IAC discussion on the serious deficiencies in intelligence in Indo-China and the action which the State Department was asked to take.

The papers are:

- (1) The outgoing cable to Saigon, which was repeated to Paris Embassy; and
- (2) The reply from Paris.



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FROM: Paris

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TO: Secretary of State

NO: 4571, January 29, 9 p.m.

DEPT PASS SAIGON; SENT DEPT 4571, RPTD INFO SAIGON 28.

DEPTEL 4353, Jan 26 (sent Saigon 1045).

Emb believes problem obtaining complete French coverage one info is one which shld, at least in first instance, be worked out on spot in Saigon by Leg, MAAG and attaché. Dept and Leg consider that there is French policy aspect to matter which prevents US Govt reps IC from obtaining complete picture, Emb cld be of assistance in taking matter up at high level in FONOFF here.

In this connection, it will be recalled that Emb took a significant step in late Nov 1950 not (rpt not) long before Leg left for arrival in IC. In event it is considered desirable by the Emb approach FONOFF here, it wld be helpful if Leg cld inform Emb specific instances of French failure keep US Govt rep IC adequately informed.

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Note: Relayed to Saigon 1/30/52 3 a.m. WCC.

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TO: General Walter B. Smith,
TRANSMITTED FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

INFORMATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATIVES	INFORMATION OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE
TRANSMISSION TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE	APPROPRIATE REPLY TO THE INDIVIDUAL
SUBMISSION OF A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT. REFER TO	INFORMATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOLLOWING U. S. AGENCIES <i>(REDACTED)</i>

ADDITIONAL REMARKS:
For your information, the attached
telegram was sent in accordance with
discussion at IAC January 24th.

WHEN A REPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT IS INDICATED PLEASE REFER TO THE FILE NUMBER AND THE DRAFTING OFFICE.

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